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RE: UNITED STATES v. DAMIEN J. LOTT - SENTENCING
40 YEAR SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY AND DRUG CONSPIRATOR

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced the sentencing yesterday of Damien J. Lott, age 29, of Rochester, New York, to a total of 40 years imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine by United States District Judge Charles J. Siragusa. Lott was convicted by a jury in Rochester on August 26, 2003, of one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (crack cocaine) and at least 500 grams of cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, and one count of conspiracy to affect commerce by robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank H. Sherman, who tried the case along with Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Kelly, stated that Lott conspired with other persons, both known and unknown, during the time period from 1993 to January 2002, to distribute cocaine base and

cocaine in the Rochester, New York, area. Lott was found to be responsible for conspiring to distribute at least 431 grams of crack cocaine and at least 500 grams of cocaine in the Rochester area. AUSA Sherman stated that, between September 1997 and February 2001, Lott also conspired to affect commerce by the robbery of money and controlled substances from individuals engaged in the unlawful distribution and possession of controlled substances, including cocaine, cocaine base and heroin. The evidence established Lott's participation in three robberies of drug dealers, one involving the abduction and shooting of the victim and another involving the shooting of the victim.

Judge Siragusa found Lott's decision to make his living from violent robbery and drug dealing to be deserving of a very long sentence. Judge Siragusa told Lott that he expected this sentence would keep Lott behind bars for the rest of his life.

This sentencing of Damien J. Lott in federal court results from an OCDETF investigation on the part of the Drug Enforcement Administration, assisted by the Rochester Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York State Police.

The previously-held sentencings for Lott's co-defendants, Anthony Murphy and Terrance Stinson, also in front of the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Judge, resulted in prison terms of life plus 55 years for Murphy and 60 years for Stinson.

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